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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES AND
FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Economic and Community Development shall encourage the
3 development of independent living opportunities for low and
4 moderate income nonelderly persons with mental disabilities by
5 making grants-in-aid, within available appropriations, to state-wide,
6 private, nonprofit housing development corporations which are
7 organized and operating for the purpose of expanding independent
8 living opportunities for such persons. Such grants-in-aid shall be used
9 to facilitate the development of small, noninstitutionalized living units
10 for such persons, through programs including, but not limited to,
11 preproject development, receipt of federal funds, site acquisition and
12 architectural review. For the purposes of this section, "nonelderly
13 persons with mental disabilities" means persons sixty-one years of age
14 or younger who have been certified by the Social Security Board as
15 being totally disabled under the federal Social Security Act or certified
16 by any other federal board or agency as being totally disabled.

17 (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
18 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general
19 statutes, to carry out the purposes of this section.

20 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The sum of ten million dollars is
21 appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community
22 Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
23 30, 2005, for the purpose of making grants-in-aid to state-wide private,
24 nonprofit housing development corporations which are organized and
25 operating for the purpose of expanding independent living
26 opportunities for nonelderly persons with mental disabilities.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage the development of housing facilities for nonelderly persons with mental disabilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]